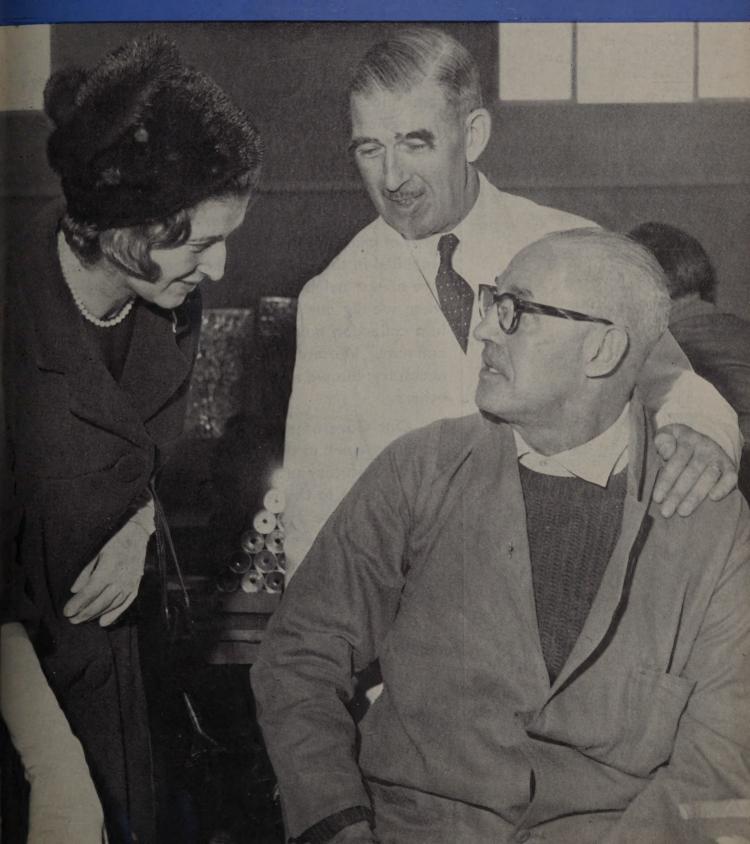


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COMMENT

TRUE CHARITY

To go out of our way to help others, to forego some pleasure or some of our precious free time in the service and comfort of those in need, to make the handicapped feel that they are accepted for themselves as persons and are not just unavoidable burdens—this is the exercise of true charity.

The giving of money alone is an easy and cold form of charity in its true sense, the true sense exemplified in the parable of the Good Samaritan — the love of our neighbour. We don't give of ourselves when we dig our hands into pockets and put a coin in a collection box if this means no real sacrifice on our part. We are helping, yes, for money is always necessary: but we are not truly giving of ourselves to others.

Our Government recognises the importance of voluntary work in the life of this country and encourages the statutory authorities to work closely with and to contribute to the work of the voluntary organisations. The close and happy liaison between an Education Committee and one of our affiliated Groups is well shown on a later page in this issue in the article, "A School in Sherwood Forest".



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FRONT COVER

HIGHLIGHT of the month of October was the visit of Princess Alexandra to the Bristol Spastics Association's new Work Centre. On the front cover picture she is seen talking to Mr. Charles Satherley, one of the 25 workers regularly employed there. Behind him stands Major Loker, the Work Centre manager. More pictures and story on pages four and five.

ROYAL VISIT TO BRISTOL

PRINCESS MEETS SPASTIC WORKERS



Princess Alexandra asks Miss Jean Hodder about her work at the Centre

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA now has a permanent reminder of the visit she made to the Bristol Spastics Association's Work Centre in Dovercourt Road a fortnight ago. As she left the Centre, after spending half-an-hour walking round talking to the spastic workers, she was delighted to receive from Professor A. R. Collar, Chairman of the Management Committee, on behalf of spastic homeworkers throughout the country, a beautiful marcasite rose brooch. "It's lovely," said Her Royal Highness.

The Princess, wearing a deep red semi-fitted coat and a dark brown cloche hat, drove down Dovercourt Road to the Centre through cheering crowds. Outside, accompanied by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Leonard Stevenson, she alighted from her car and crossed the road to inspect 15 girls of the Bristol Girls' Nautical Training Corps who were lined up in front of the shops. She also inspected 80 members of the Girls' Junior Red Cross.

The party, which included the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, then entered the brightly-painted modern Work Centre—only opened this year (SPASTICS NEWS, September issue)—to be received by Professor A. R. Collar; Mr. S. A. Trayhurn, Chairman of the Bristol Spastics Association; and Major A. E. Loker, Manager of the Centre. After a few minutes, in which several people were presented to the Princess, the curtains were drawn aside for her to walk into the workshop proper.

The Princess spoke to every worker and was greatly interested in the variety of jobs they were doing—printing Christmas cards, making and assembling toys and packing bread tokens. She asked some searching questions of the staff of the Centre and was obviously impressed by the way in which the workers had settled down to doing useful jobs. Before she left she studied a small display of photographs which showed how the Bristol Centre fitted into the wide picture of the work of the National Spastics Society.



The Princess has a smile and a word with Mrs. Foan Avent, a staff member and nurse at the Work Centre. In the background is the Duke of Beaufort

(Pictures by courtesy Bristol Evening Post)







NEXT STEP IN HAMPSHIRE T & V SCHEME

CONSOLIDATE—that was the next step forward for the Hampshire Town and Village Scheme advocated by Dr. C. P. Stevens, Director of the National Spastics Society, when he spoke at a meeting in Winchester last month, a meeting called to report on the excellent progress made. Through the courtesy of the Mayor of Winchester the meeting again took place in Abbey House.

"When I last spoke here, so short a time ago, very few representatives had been appointed," said Dr. Stevens. "Now there are over 150. One hundred and fifty Hampshire men and women from all walks of life and in all parts of the county, who have accepted an invitation to become, as it were, ambassadors of the National Spastics Society. This is a great achievement, which is a source of great satisfaction

to us, a credit to Captain Swinley—who is in charge of the Scheme—and above all a credit to Hampshire.

"It is much more even than those things. It represents increased hope for those afflicted with cerebral palsy—and their parents—of a helping hand: a hand which is always extended, but cannot always be found by those in need of it."

Dr. Stevens then described the help given to spastics by the National Spastics Society through its schools and centres, the direct services provided by the Society's various departments, and the invaluable services given by local groups, many of them with important centres of their own.

Many Projects

"We have plans for Family Help Units in various parts of the country through which we shall try to relieve families with a spastic, and especially a spastic child, of some of the burdens which this brings in its train. Many other projects are in view. Even when the Society is unable to help spastics directly from its own resources, it has established excellent links with other bodies, both voluntary and statutory, through which it is usually possible to find an answer.

"Then there is the vital matter of research. We are proud to have established at Guy's Hospital the Prince Philip Chair of Paediatric Research, and a programme of educational research is being started with our help at London University. These two programmes, which are unique, are likely to cost over 2½ million pounds and will, we hope, produce information far beyond the limit of the Society's work." The Society was not complacent about this, Dr. Stevens went on. There was still much to be done, but we had

come quite a long way in ten years. "Now, you may ask, where do we go from here on the Town and Village Scheme. First of all we must say thank you-the British Legion, the Federation of Women's Institutes, and too many more to mention-the people of Hampshire.

"We have decided to consolidate. We think that the best way of doing this will be to invite representatives wherever that is possible to join existing groups. Where no group has been formed in their area, we shall enlist their co-operation in starting up a new group. I feel sure that the representatives will want to help with this great work; but if for one reason or another any of them do not see their way clear to becoming full members of the Society through existing groups or new ones, we hope that we shall continue to benefit from their services."

World-Wide

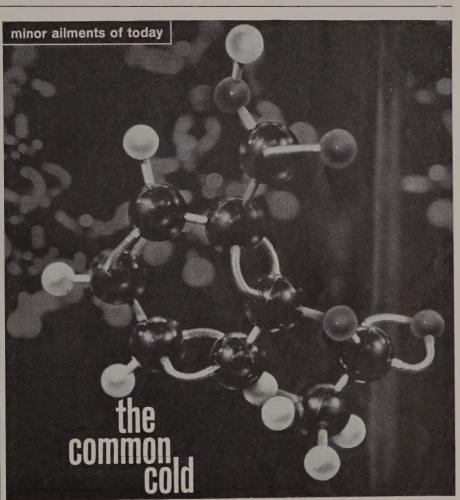
Dr. Stevens said that we were trying to involve the world in charity. "Twelve years ago at Strasbourg, Churchill said, 'Those who serve supreme causes must not consider what they can get but what they can give'. It may be that having lost one kind of authority with the loss of Empire we have the opportunity to replace it by a greatness based on charity and service, owing nothing to conquest, serving to increase knowledge and to frighten away fear.

"This kind of service could conquer the world. What you are doing is part of something very considerable that can be a real achievement, not only for sick and unhappy children, but for a sick and unhappy civilisation."

In thanking the Mayor for inviting them to Winchester, Dr. Stevens said that it was true that the old and underprivileged and the handicapped needed the community, and if we did not know before that our Society needed Hampshire we certainly knew it now, after a year of the Town and Village Scheme.

"Many of us are beginning to see that it is equally true that the community, for its own spiritual health and peace, needs the old and underprivileged and handicapped to offer them service and love in place of contempt or rejection," said the Director. "What we believe we have established with the aid of Captain Swinley and our 150 representatives is that—Hampshire needs the National Spastics Society: and we shall not fail them."

Earlier in the evening Captain Swinley travelled to Southampton to appear on television, outlining the Town and Village Scheme and the work of the National Society.



This illustration is a spatial representation of the molecular structure of acetylsalicylic acid

outwitted the efforts of twenty years' intensive research work to defeat it. But at least we know the enemy far better to-day than we did even a few short years ago. We know the common cold is caused by a virus, while most of the symptoms-feverishness, running nose, sore throat, stuffiness-follow up the virus itself. We know that infection is carried in the air, and so coughs and sneezes really do spread it. We know that children between 2 and 5 are specially prone to colds. And that getting cold has nothing

The common cold has uncommon cunning, for it has to do with catching cold. We do not know a precise remedy for the cold virus itself. Meanwhile, there is nothing better than acetylsalicylic acid for treating the symptoms of a cold-so the millions of people who take 'ASPRO' are not only taking the right medicine for their cold but they are also sparing the Doctor's time for those with more serious complaints.



SWINGIN'

MR. VAUGHAN COLLECTS £1 A MINUTE FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS



The crowds turned out in force to see one of their favourite TV. stars—and Norman Vaughan did not disappoint them. In the street, as on the stage, his jokes had people laughing in no time. Also in the picture, on Mr. Vaughan's left, is Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Assistant Director (Information and Appeals)



Inside the shop Norman was kept busy signing autographs for his many fans, who all made a purchase of Christmas cards before they left

THE presence of Norman Vaughan, star of the top television show, "Sunday Night at the London Palladium", gave a tremendous send-off to the new shop of Spastics Cards Limited at 3-5 Drayton Green Road, Ealing, last month. Large crowds gathered on the street outside the shop to cheer him as he arrived, and, after he had joked and clowned for them for a few minutes, he made the opening official by cutting a ribbon adorned with Christmas cards.

Norman then nipped smartly into the shop and behind the counter, and within seconds was helping to sell Christmas cards to a large queue—at the rate of £1 a minute.

Later, as crowds of people continued to make their way into the shop to buy our Christmas cards, the television star toured the premises with a cheery word for every worker.

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One million cards have been sold so far and orders received from all over the world, including America, France, Bahamas, Iraq and Germany

A SCHOOL IN SHERWOOD FOREST

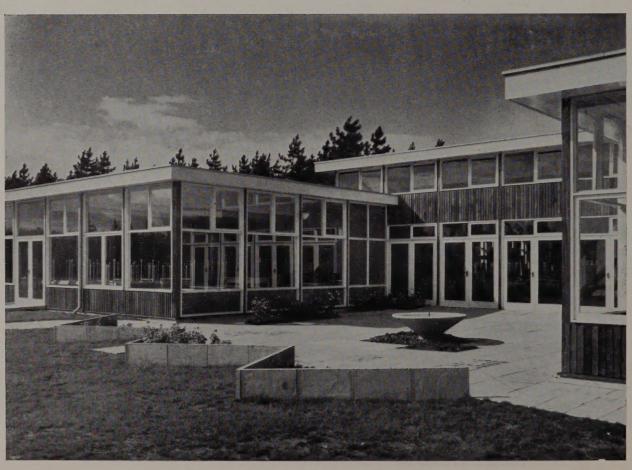
FOLLOWING a series of conferences with adjacent local education authorities, the Nottingham Education Committee agreed to undertake the enormous pioneering task of establishing a new school designed and equipped to cater for the needs of 75 very severely physically handicapped resident boys and girls from the ages of 5 and 16. Towards the end of 1957, Thieves Wood School was opened by Professor Alan A. Moncrieff, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.O.G., and in January, 1958, the first group of children was admitted. Having cost nearly £2,000 per place

by J. Edward Mason, M.A., M.Ed. Director of Education

to build, furnish and equip, it provides practical evidence of the Authority's concern for and interest in handicapped children.

The name of the school comes from the site in Sherwood Forest on which it is built and which once formed part of the Duke of Portland's Estate. When one remembers the interest of this ducal family in the welfare of the disabled, how appropriate it is that this site should have been selected.

The school has been planned in one large unit, beautifully sited and surrounded by spacious lawns fringed with the trees of the forest. With the exception of one wing where the upper floor provides staff accommodation, the entire school is a single storey building with no stairs, inclines or lifts for the children to negotiate.



A view of the specially-designed Thieves Wood School

The residential quarters are separated from the teaching block by the entrance hall, dining-cum-assembly hall and offices. In the residential section, two large playrooms, both equipped with television, separate the three dormitory wings for senior boys, senior girls and juniors. The dormitories are gaily furnished with attractive bed covers on the divan beds, pleasing wallpapers and curtains. Beyond these a small sick bay has been provided, comprising two bedrooms, bathroom and small kitchen.

In the teaching section there are seven light and airy classrooms with special provision for such practical subjects as pottery, cookery and needlework. In addition there is a fully equipped physiotherapy department where all children requiring it receive treatment from the two full time physiotherapists. A speech therapy room has also been provided and a visiting speech therapist works there twice weekly.

Twelve Spastics

Of the 75 children, drawn from 18 authorities mainly in the north Midlands Region, there are, at present, 12 suffering from cerebral palsy. Other categories of severe physical handicap here at Thieves Wood include muscular dystrophy, spina bifida and post polio. Thirty-six children are permanently confined to their wheel chairs and a further 31 spend part of each day in them. These figures give some small indication of the problems confronting the staff who are responsible for the care and education of the children here.

A large staff of teachers, nurses, physiotherapists and many other indispensable helpers working together under the leadership of the head teacher, Mrs. N. D. Churchley, give the children as full and normal a school life as possible. They are enormously assisted and advised in their difficult task by frequent regular visits from consultants, medical practitioners, educational advisers, etc. All are drawn together by the common purpose of assisting each child to develop his capabilities as far as possible within the limitations set by his handicap, so that he can become a happy and useful member of his community. All children are on the list of a local practitioner who visits at least once a week. In addition the consultant orthopaedic surgeon for the school visits monthly, an opthalmic surgeon examines the children's eyes, and their teeth are cared for by the Nottinghamshire School Dental Service. Other consultants visit to see their own particular patient as necessary.

Much thought has been given to the provision of special furniture and equipment to help the children, both educationally and in facing the everyday problems of living—extra wide toilets, elbow taps to the wash basins, adjustable tables, tables with non-spill ledges, cutaway tables, especially adapted chairs, specially adapted cutlery, "Sley-ride" electrically propelled chairs, etc. Many pieces of conventional equipment and furniture have been adapted, either in school or in the workshops of the adjacent Harlow Wood Orthopaedic Hospital and Portland Training College for the Disabled, in order to meet the specific needs of individual children.

The Nottingham and District Friends of Spastics Group, who are represented on the Managing Body of the School have provided valuable moral support and practical assistance. They have given to the school a converted minibus which is used almost daily for hospital and clinic visits, outings, etc. Their gifts also include a second piano, theatre visits, outings, holidays and contributions towards Christmas festivities. All these gifts have been accepted with considerable appreciation by children, staff and managers alike.

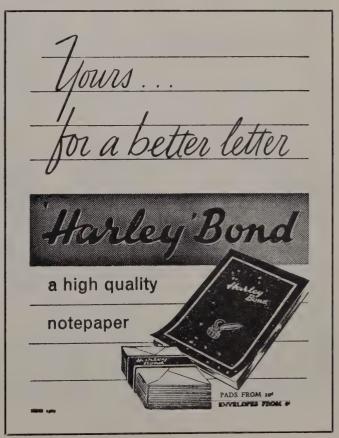
Many other charitable organisations and many individuals have interested themselves in the school and there is a steady flow of gifts, large and small, from them to the children. This flow reaches considerable proportions at Christmas time and Father Christmas invariably has considerable difficulties in transporting his sack!

Employment Ahead

Concern has often been expressed about the paucity of facilities available for the further education and training of spastic children as well as about their limitations in the field of employment. The Nottinghamshire Education Committee share this concern and are anxious that the care and attention which have been given to children at Thieves Wood School are not suddenly terminated when they reach school-leaving age. The full resources of the County's Youth Employment Service is therefore made fully available in order to place each child, wherever possible, into a suitable course of further education and training and, if subsequently possible, into congenial employment.

The Youth Employment Officer co-operates with his colleagues in other parts of the country on behalf of those pupils not residing in Nottinghamshire. The most difficult cases, from an employment point of view, are considered at regular intervals at specially called Case Conferences. All the appropriate voluntary organisations and each of the County Council's Welfare and Social Services are represented at these conferences. Knowledge and experience are pooled and concerted action taken to prevent, as far as possible, any young person being left to stagnate after leaving school.

Nowhere else in the world has the handicapped child better prospects than in Britain today.





The spirit of the evening is reflected on the faces of these important guests. Left to right: Mr. Ian Dawson Shepherd; Mrs. Hargreaves; Mr. W. M. C. Hargreaves, President of the Club; Miss Jacqueline Mackenzie; and Dr. C. P. Stevens, Director

Successful '62 Club to Open First Branch

THE '62 Club is a success. The gaiety and social companionship shown by the members at their first Guest Night some weeks ago proves this success, a success which was underlined when the President, Mr. W. M. C. Hargreaves, announced the formation of the first branch of the club in Nottingham.

There to hear the announcement were Miss Jacqueline Mackenzie, of the Stars Organisation for Spastics; the Society's Chairman, Mr. J. F. G. Emms, and other honorary officers; Dr. Stevens, the Director; Dr. Firman of Nottingham University, himself a spastic; and over 100 Club members, some from as far away as Liverpool and Birmingham.

"One of the most encouraging signs that the Club is proceeding on the right lines is that in London alone membership has doubled during the last three months and now stands at 84", said Mr. Hargreaves.

"Why has the year been so successful? It is because from the very beginning the Executive Committee, in its wisdom, agreed that we should rightly arrive at our own decisions and be completely responsible for the efficient running of our Club. And so we have increased our membership at each meeting, until we are now bulging at the seams, and hope



Miss Jacqueline Mackenzie makes friends with Club members—and they are enjoying every minute of it



The Maori Dancers go into a war dance

one day to be able to possess our own premises fitted out as a permanent club and headquarters."

After the speeches the guests mingled, Club members renewing old friendships, many of which had been formed on the Society's Assessment and Further Education Courses. A buffet supper had been provided and there to entertain were a group of Maori dancers from New Zealand House in London.

Miss Jacqueline Mackenzie summed up everyone's feelings as she left. "May I come again?" she asked the President.

Christmas Cards

With only a few more weeks to go, it is still not too late to order your N.S.S. Christmas Cards. Sales to date have been most encouraging but YOUR assistance is still required if we are to achieve our target of four million cards sold.

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Spastics Cards Ltd., 3-5 Drayton Green Road, London, W.13. (EALing 1829)





Pierre the Clown (above), who has been visiting schools up and down the country talking to children about road safety, tells me his services are available free to Groups for concerts, fund-raising events, etc. He can be contacted through Mrs. Peggy Mackintosh, Hamilton House, 195 Dyke Road, Hove, Sussex



The Baccholian Singers—left to right: Len Pearcey; Dr. Robert Sells; Brian Etheridge; Humphrey Clucas; Michael Hartley

again appeared on television, as well as singing in hotels, holiday camps and clubs.

During their tour the singers made their headquarters at the Lugger Inn, Polruan, slept in Farmer Pearce's barn at the top of the hill and lived the "rough life", rehearsing on the cliff top and lunching on Cornish pasties.

The generous co-operation they received everywhere is here gratefully acknowledged.

Far Away Places

What is thought to be a world record has been set up by a twopenny balloon which was released in Leeds during an effort to raise funds for the Leeds and District Spastics Society and was recovered in the Philippines, more than 10,000 miles away, by a nun at Luzon. Altogether 12,000 balloons were let off on Children's Day in July and August Bank Holiday, but most of them travelled no farther than Lincolnshire.

A spokesman for the Group said that the balloon must have travelled into North-West Germany and then in a straight line over the Balkans, the Middle East, North India, the Malay Peninsula and then to Luzon. The balloon was bought by Mr. M. Hepworth of Potternewton Avenue, Leeds, and was returned by air mail seven days later by Sister M. Fidelis, a Roman Catholic nun, of St. Columban's Academy, Lingayen, Luzon, Philippines.

Both the sender and recipient will receive prizes.



Our picture shows Mr. and Mrs. John Weller on their wedding day. Mrs. Weller, more familiarly known to everyone in the Maidstone area as Jennifer Ingold, runs her own business trimming dogs and also contributes to the Homeworkers' Scheme by making jewellery in her odd moments.

Mr. and Mrs. Weller live in a caravan, together with their Border collies. Mr. Weller works as a motor mechanic, and the couple met when Jennifer took her invalid car along for repairs and servicing

Parents' Conference

Southampton and District Spastics Association will be hosts to a Conference of Parents of Spastics at the Civic Centre, Civic Centre Road, Southampton on Saturday, 10th November, at 10.30 a.m.

Speakers at the conference include Miss E. F. Townsend, N.S.S. Senior Social Worker; Mrs. E. Nix-James, teacher at the Bournemouth Spastics Centre; and Mr. S. T. Allman, N.S.S. Assistant Employment Officer. The new film. "Right for the Job", will be shown.

Note for Your Diary

Looking ahead to 1963, and in order to avoid a clash with appeals events, we are asked by the Royal Air Forces Association to advise Groups that the Association proposes to hold a House to House Collection throughout England and Wales under an Order of Exemption granted by the Home Secretary during Battle of Britain Week, which next year is from September 9-14 inclusive. In addition the Association will also be promoting their National Wings Day Street Collection throughout Britain on Saturday, September 14, 1963.

However, the General Secretary writes: "Should, of course, your Local Organiser contemplate raising a collection on or about these dates, I would request you to be so kind and notify me as soon as possible to enable us to arrange

dates amicably." The address is: General Secretary, R.A.F.A., 43 Grove Park Road, London, W.4.

Stars at Garden City

Stars Joyce Blair, Muriel Pavlow, Jacqueline Mackenzie, John Horsley and Charmian Innes sold raffle tickets, signed autograph books and served behind the stalls to help raise about £600 for the funds of the Welwyn Garden City and District Group of the Hertfordshire Spastics Society, at a Michaelmas Fair at the College of Further Education. This is the 7th Fair to be held by the Society.



Works Manager for Swansea Spastics

Major F. B. S. Berry, of Morriston, who retired from the Army this year after 23 years' service, has been appointed manager of the new Spastic Works Centre at "Longfields", West Cross, Swansea, project of Swansea and District Spastic Association. There were more than 60 applicants from all parts of the country.

The Centre, which has cost more than £10,000—the N.S.S. gave £3,000—is the first of its kind in Wales and will accommodate severely handicapped adolescent and adult spastics from the town and district. It is to be officially opened this month.

Swansea-born Major Berry was educated at Craig-y-Nos Preparatory School and Christ College, Brecon. His Army service included duties in North Africa, Suez Canal zone, B.A.O.R. and latterly, Berlin. His last appointment before retiring was as Camp Commandant, T.A. Camp, Kinmel Park, North Wales.

Keenly interested in sport, he is a former playing member of Swansea Uplands Rugby Club and Morriston Town Cricket Club. While in Berlin he acted as playing secretary of Berlin Combined Service Cricket Club. His father, the late Mr. E. Aubrey Berry, will be remembered by the older generation as the owner of Goldbergs Ltd., shipbrokers and coal exporters.

Delarue School Successes

A number of successes worthy of notice have been recorded by pupils of The Thomas Delarue School. There were the results of the General Certificate of Education examinations, and other public examinations; a former pupil obtained the College Certificate for Nursery Nursing—believed to be the first spastic to qualify in this way; and from the four corners of the country where they were on holiday, pupils travelled to London to give a demonstration of swimming.

In the General Certificate of Education results, Susan Helman passed in Advanced English; Lance Green did extremely well, passing in English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and History (with high marks in each); Andrew Lisicki passed in English Language, English Literature, History and Art—the School's first and only candidate in this last subject; Graham Pearson passed in English Language and History; Ann Smith in English Language, History and Mathematics; Glynn Vernon passed in History; Geoffrey Walker passed in English Language and History; Janet Evans and Robert Burrington passed in English Language, and Christopher Mansell passed in Mathematics.

In the R.S.A. examinations Alan Brookes again distinguished himself by passing in Grade III Advanced Typewriting with 2nd Class Hons. (50 w.p.m.) and in Shorthand at 100 w.p.m., passing also in Intermediate English Language and Literature with 2nd Class Hons. Christine Laurie passed in Grade I Typewriting. Michael Beacham passed Student III Stage of the Institute of Linguists in oral and written French, the School's only candidate.

A former pupil, Sarah Brogden, of 23 The Friary, Lichfield, Staffordshire, who was for five years a student at Delarue, and who left after gaining very creditable successes in the General Certificate of Education examinations to go to St. Christopher's Nursery Training College, Tunbridge Wells just two years ago, has obtained the College Certificate for Nursery Nursing. This stated that she had received training in child management and house-wifery, child cooking, needlework and laundry, and had passed examinations in home nursing and first aid, infant feeding and nutrition, child management, cookery and laundry. Early next year



(Picture by courtesy Grantham Journal)

To mark 25 years affiliation to the C.I.U., a cheque for £25, representing £1 for each year of the Club's life, was presented to the Grantham and District Friends of Spastics Group at the Grantham Westgate Club's Silver Jubilee. The photograph shows Mrs. B. J. Thorpe, chairman of the Friends of Spastics Group, receiving the gift from Alderman W. H. Dale, a founder-member and present President of the Club

she will be sitting for her National Certificate for Nursery Nursing.

While on holiday eight of the School's pupils travelled from their homes in the four corners of the country to St. Pancras Baths, London, to give a demonstration of the English Schools Swimming Association's Scheme of Awards for Handicapped Children, to the Conference of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists. Since then the headmaster has received warm letters of appreciation for the efficiency and success of the demonstration.



We thought that readers would like to see this interesting postmark which was stamped on a letter from Brussels to London, and which shows the valuable publicity which is being given to La Ligue Des Paralyses Cerebraux by the Belgium Post Office. Unfortunately the same facility is not available to the National Spastics Society in this country



WALL GIFT FROM JERSEY

NOW being erected at Ingfield Manor School, Five Oaks, near Billingshurst, Sussex, is an inscribed granite wall with a crest—said to be worth about £500—which has been gifted by Jersey to go beside the pool which is being provided by the Jersey Branch of the National Spastics Society.

This handsome wall was recently handed over to the Jersey Branch by the Public Works Committee. Originally the Group wanted simply a plaque set in a piece of Jersey granite to commemorate the gift of the pool, and they asked the Public Works Committee for a suitable piece of granite. But the Public Works Committee, in a most generous gesture, decided that a wall of granite would be more suitable, and offered to provide it. When this offer was gratefully accepted, a local stone-dresser, Mr. Louis Chataigniere, immediately got to work to carve the Island Coat of Arms and prepare the inscription.

At an informal ceremony Mr. A. W. Filleul, secretary of the Jersey Branch, warmly thanked the Committee and the States' Engineer, Mr. G. C. Law, for their "wonderful gesture". The new president of Public Works, Deputy V. A. Tomes, said that the credit was due entirely to his predecessors, but he was delighted that the efforts of the Jersey Branch could be commemorated in this way.

When the wall was transported from the Island to the mainland—and this was done free of charge by the shipping company—each stone was numbered and a "key" accom-

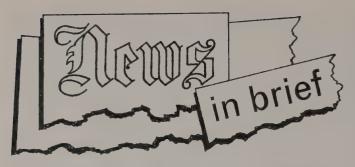


(Pictures by courtesy Evening Post, Jersey)

(Top picture)—Members of the Public Works Committee in Jersey gather round as Deputy V. A. Tomes hands a token stone to Mr. A. W. Filleul

(Lower picture)—A close-up of the wall inscription which reads: "The fersey Branch of the National Spastics Society. This pool was given by the people of fersey, Channel Islands, 1963

panied the granite in order that the wall could be rebuilt exactly as intended. In a final generous gesture in this project, the people tiling the pool offered their services in erecting the wall.



Halifax:

The good news from Halifax and District Group this month is that the spastic personnel who are working in the new workshop and social centre in Pellon Lane have now settled

down to their various duties. Coat hangers are rolling off the assembly line and very soon they will have turned out their 30,000th! Mackintosh's have passed on work for the spastic personnel to do, and Boots, the chemists, are also supplying jobs. There are now nine spastics fully employed.

We also hear from Halifax that they are holding their first wool fashion show at the Percival Whitley College on November 8. This is being organised by Mrs. Joyce Ennion of Stockport, who in the past two years has raised over £2,000 for spastics in this manner.

Ipswich:

We were interested to hear from the Chaplain of a Borstal school in Suffolk that the lads, who have been sending donations to the National Spastics Society for about two years, now propose to help the Ipswich and East Suffolk Spastics Society to establish a new workshop. Not only will the lads keep sending their donations, but they also propose to make things for the workshop. "Our lads will be able to see their efforts, and this will be a great incentive to them", says the Chaplain.

Leicester:

A Flag Day held by the Leicester and Leicestershire Spastics Society this year raised £800. Other activities—jumble sales, etc.—raised about £300. The Group hope to raise enough money by their various activities to purchase a new school bus. The one they have at present is not really suitable for adult spastics.

Newark:

Beautiful jewellery made by spastics was worn by models at an autumn fashion show in aid of spastics, presented by Jane Young, of Newark, at Newark Town Hall. Over £50 was raised for the Newark and District Friends of Spastics Group.

(Edited from Guardian-Journal, Nottingham)

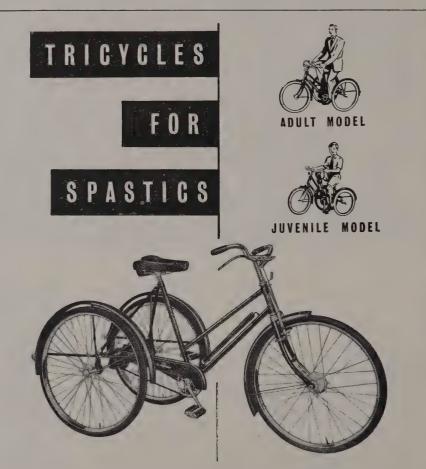
Uxbridge:

Burly Jack Matthews, of Uxbridge Moor, has a white-feathered dart he swears he will never use. It is enveloped in the scent of Alma Cogan. Alma used the dart to play with him in the Rockingham Arms recently, when she went along to receive a cheque for spastics. The money was collected, mostly in pennies, in the bar of the inn, and over the past three years this busy pub has provided more than £200 for spastics.

(Edited from Middlesex Advertiser & County Gazette, Uxbridge)

Rickmansworth:

Lady Bowes-Lyon, President of the Hertfordshire Spastics Society, has agreed to be patron of a Charity Ball which Rickmansworth Round Table are organising next April. All the proceeds of the ball will be devoted to the Society. (Edited from West Herts & Watford Observer, Watford)



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Mr. G. Howard of Southbourne Overcliffe-drive, Bournemouth, has a garden adorned with sea shells. The latest addition is a giant white shell which he claims is the largest of its kind in Great Britain. Weighing five cwt., the shell has come from the Philippine Islands in the Pacific. It is about $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet in height and 3 ft. 6 in. wide, and was obtained by Mr. Howard from a London conchologist. Throughout the year there is a continuous stream of admiring visitors to Mr. Howard's home and as the holidaymakers roll up he encourages them to support local charities. Spastics are among the many deserving people who have benefited. (Edited from Evening Echo, Bournemouth)

Walsall:

A farewell party for licensee, Mr. Eric Morris, and his wife, who are leaving "The Bridge House", Walsall, after 16 months to take over another hotel in Wellington, turned out to be a benefit night for spastics; for television personality, Jack Howarth (Albert Tatlock in "Coronation Street"), went along to demolish two piles of pennies raised by customers. The collection realised over £50 and brought the amount reached in three years to well over £200.

Plymouth:

Flag days organised for the Plymouth Spastic (C.P.) Association raised £758.
(Edited from Western Evening Herald)

CENTRAL

East London:

From Mr. J. P. Scholfield, press officer for the East London Spastic Society, comes news of a kind gesture by the licensee of "The Castle" at Gillingham, Kent. He organised a tea and entertainment for 87 children from the Society. Entertainment was provided by the Peter Pan Starlets and Mr. Schofield says that, through their manager, Miss Mary Underwood, 52 Canterbury Street, Gillingham, the Starlets are willing to go anywhere to help any Group.

Bromley:

The West Kent Spastics Society had a grand opportunity last month to publicise their efforts to raise money for their new Work Centre in Park Road, Bromley. A large, double-fronted shop in the main shopping centre was given for a week to the Group by Mr. S. Harris and good use was made of the offer to sell handcrafts made by spastics and to display the work being done for and by spastics throughout the country. It illustrated to the public the type of work spastics can do in work centres and in their own homes.

Manchester:

Welcome additions have been made to the funds of Manchester and District Spastics Society in recent weeks—and one of them shows the wonderful spirit of co-operation which exists among Groups. In a generous gesture Burnley Area and Rossendale Spastics Group unanimously passed the following resolution: "That the sum of £100 be given to the Manchester Spastics Group for use at Rodney House as a token of this Group's appreciation for the wonderful work being done for several children from this area and the encouragement and help given to their parents."

Help also came to Manchester from the Directors of the Manchester United Football Club. They allowed the Spastics Society to collect outside their turnstiles at the Old Trafford ground and the result was a magnificent donation of £184 16s. 10d. from supporters.

Blackpool:

It is a far cry from Blackpool to Cyprus, but the Blackpool and Fylde Spastic Group are well thought of in that part of the world. The Group have just received a cheque for £37 10s. 0d. from a boy scout troop on an R.A.F. station in Cyprus. It came with the explanatory note that it was the proceeds of an athletics meeting held by the troop, who had obtained the spastic group's address from a former Blackpool scout master, Mr. W. Parr, who is now an Assistant District Commissioner in the Cyprus scouting world. (Edited from West Lancashire Evening Gazette)



(Picture by courtesy of Burnley Express)

Mr. Birtwistle and model

Models from Matches

Outlay? Ten thousand matches. Result? £40 collected for spastics. That is the balance sheet of Mr. Harry Birtwistle of 35 Wynotham Street, Burnley. He collects used matches, thousands and thousands of them, and with them he is building models of Burnley's modern buildings and redevelopment. Eventually Mr. Birtwistle hopes to have a complete model of a section of Burnley.

His model of Keirby Hotel has attracted much attention. It has been on show in the hotel itself and has also been displayed at the Sparrow Hawk Hotel. The sum of £40 for spastics has been donated by patrons of both hotels who saw the model.

The hotel model took 10,000 matches to build. Mr. Birtwistle's latest model, a remarkable likeness of the Odeon Cinema, has taken 15,000 matches, plus about five-and-a-half months of spare-time activity.



Employment news this month includes the following items:

Barry Bawden, from Oxford, is employed as a mortice machine assistant for a local firm of furniture manufacturers.

Pauline Clark, from Retford, is working as a telephonist at the Portland Training College.

Alan Counsell, from Blackburn, has been appointed as an occupational therapy helper at a nearby hospital.

Ann Croft, from Hull, is employed as a switchboard operator.

Hazel Dando, from Edgware, has changed her job and is employed on a month's trial as a coffee bar assistant in a departmental store in Kilburn.

Nigel Farmer, from Oldham, who was released by his employers to take a training course with Messrs. Joseph Lucas, Birmingham, has now completed this and been re-instated with his firm.

Jean Ferrier, from Fulham, after attending a recent assessment course in Birmingham, is now working as a warehouse assistant for a local firm of record distributors.

Alfred Payne, from Wallasey, has changed his job and is now on a month's trial with the local Remploy.

Margaret Sainsbury, from Southampton, is employed by the local Remploy.

Sandra Seys, from Bournemouth, who recently completed a course of training at the William Turner Centre, Stockport, is now working as an Addressograph operator for a local firm of builders' merchants.

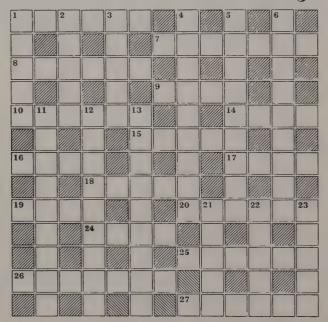
Robert Simmonds, from East Barnet, who also trained at Messrs. Joseph Lucas, Birmingham, is now employed as a trainee setter operator for a firm in Tottenham.

Basil Stanier, from Stepney, is working as a clerical assistant on a month's trial for a firm of builders in Stepney.

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- Ill-feeling often caused by its latter half. 6.
- Consort a little in Canada.
- Turn it and move around with purpose. 6. Tiny area where Napoleon's eastern dream evaporated. 4
- 10.
- Their heads are always well to the fore. 6. 14. Boasted a full complement perhaps. 4.
- 15. Water force? 5
- Put up a black whichever way you view it. 4. 16.
- Achilles bulky buddy. 4.
- Encourages the surgeon not to carry on! 5. 18.
- 10. Look back and stagger. 4.
- 20. A team in the exit!
- One affirmative for all in favour. 4. "... thee, witch!" Macbeth. 6. 24.
- 25.
- Teach—the value of the money in the centre maybe. 7.
- How Wordsworth did wander! 6.

- Christens in the manse. 5.
- Release this but turn it and bind. 5.
- Wriggler minor! 5.
- Able to tell the time? 9. Violate some deer caste. 9.
- Meet Atlas and encounter deadlock. 9.
- Walk to the concert. 9. 11.
- 12. It may help those who can't 11.
- 13. Past eight and time for food. 9.
- 21. Many on Jason's craft put Handel in mind. 5.
- I love the stuff.
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